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COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES SET FOR ATSC 3.0 MULTICAST LICENSING FNPRM

MB Docket No. 16-142

Comment Date: February 11, 2022
Reply Comment Date: March 14, 2022

On November 5, 2021, the Commission released a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing changes to its Next Gen TV rules to allow Next Gen TV stations to include within their license certain of their non-primary video programming streams (multicast streams) that are aired in a different service on “host” stations during a transitional period, using the same licensing framework, and to a large extent the same regulatory regime, established for the simulcast of primary video programming streams on “host” station facilities.¹ The *NPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 60 and 90 days, respectively, after publication of the *NPRM* in the Federal Register.²

By this *Public Notice*, the Media Bureau announces that the *ATSC 3.0 Multicast Licensing FNPRM* was published in the Federal Register on December 13, 2021.³ Comments must be submitted no later than February 11, 2022. Reply Comments must be submitted no later than March 14, 2022. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 43 of the *NPRM*.⁴ The *NPRM* is also available on the Commission’s website.⁵

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¹ *Authorizing Permissive Use of the “Next Generation” Broadcast Television Standard*, GN Docket No. 16-142, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 21-116 (rel. Nov. 5, 2021) (*ATSC 3.0 Multicast Licensing FNPRM*).

² *See id.* at 1.

³ *ATSC 3.0 Multicast Licensing FNPRM*, 86 Fed. Reg. 70793 (Dec. 13, 2021).

⁴ *ATSC 3.0 Multicast Licensing FNPRM* at para. 43.

⁵ *See* <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-seeks-comment-atsc-30-multicast-requirements>.